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Dear Ms. Best:

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") request dated May 21, 2019. Pursuant to the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552, you requested:

Documents generated as part of the creation of the FOIA office (defined as whatever department, office, or coordinator is responsible for overseeing and/or processing FOIA requests), whether this was at the time of the agency's creation or the passage of the Freedom of Information Act, to include:

1. The instruction to do so from the Agency, as well as any guidance from the senior leadership
2. Documents discussing proposals and procedures
3. Any legal guidance or analysis produced or acquired by the Agency in response to or as part of the creation of the FOIA office
4. Internal documents from the press office, legislative liaison's office (or equivalent), general counsel's office (or equivalent), director's office (or equivalent) or the newly created FOIA office, reacting to or characterizing the office and its creation

- * A copy of the agency's first perfected (successful) FOIA request
- * Copies of other FOIA requests filed before the FOIA request described above
- * Processing notes, search slips and response documents regarding the FOIA requests described above
- * The first set of guidelines, instructions and/or forms created to control the agency's processing of FOIA requests
- * A copy of the agency's first successful FOIA appeal
- * Copies of other FOIA appeals received by the agency before the appeal described above
- * Processing notes, search slips and response documents regarding the FOIA appeals described above
- * The first set of guidelines, instructions and/or forms created to control the agency's processing of FOIA appeals

Staff searched Federal Open Market Committee ("FOMC" or "Committee") records and consulted with knowledgeable staff and located approximately 78 pages of documents

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responsive to a portion of your request. FOMC documents from 1966 and 1967 make mention of Committee discussions about the FOIA. These documents are available on the FOMC's public website and are linked below.

Historical minutes

- <https://www.federalreserve.gov/monetarypolicy/files/fomchistmin19661122.pdf>
- <https://www.federalreserve.gov/monetarypolicy/files/fomchistmin19670307.pdf>
- <https://www.federalreserve.gov/monetarypolicy/files/fomchistmin19670404.pdf>
- <https://www.federalreserve.gov/monetarypolicy/files/fomchistmin19670502.pdf>
- <https://www.federalreserve.gov/monetarypolicy/files/fomchistmin19670523.pdf>

Meeting agendas

- <https://www.federalreserve.gov/monetarypolicy/files/FOMC19670307Agenda.pdf>
- <https://www.federalreserve.gov/monetarypolicy/files/FOMC19670404Agenda.pdf>
- <https://www.federalreserve.gov/monetarypolicy/files/FOMC19670502Agenda.pdf>
- <https://www.federalreserve.gov/monetarypolicy/files/FOMC19670523Agenda.pdf>
- <https://www.federalreserve.gov/monetarypolicy/files/FOMC19670620Agenda.pdf>

Memorandum of discussion

- <https://www.federalreserve.gov/monetarypolicy/files/fomcmod19670620.pdf>

Minutes of action

- <https://www.federalreserve.gov/monetarypolicy/files/fomcmoa19670620.pdf>

Staff also located approximately 43 pages of responsive material that constitute privileged attorney/client communications. These documents are being withheld at this time in accordance with exemption (b)(5) of the Freedom of Information Act ("the Act"), which exempts such privileged material from release.

Your request for information is, therefore, granted in part and denied in part for the reasons stated above. If you believe you have a legal right to any information that is being withheld, you may appeal this determination in accordance with section 271.6(h) of the Committee's Rules Regarding Availability of Information, available at: <http://www.federalreserve.gov/foia/fomc/regulations.htm>.

If you have any questions, you may also contact the FOMC FOIA Public Liaison at (202) 973-7400.¹

Sincerely,

[Signed]

Matthew M. Luecke
Deputy Secretary
Federal Open Market Committee

¹ You may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, MD 20740-6001; e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770 or toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.